

Federal Emergency Management Agency



Disasters in the U.S. and
International Response and
Support



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FEMA Mission

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a Nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.



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Overview

- International Assistance System
 - **(How Your Country can help us!)**
- Disaster Assistance to Foreign Nationals
 - **(How We Help your Citizens!)**
- External Communications
 - **(How we can Work Together!)**



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International Assistance System: Background

- Hurricane Katrina response: the first time the USG accepted international assistance on a large scale.
- 151: Number of countries and international organizations offering cash and material assistance



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International Assistance System (IAS)

The system is a set of policies and procedures to:

- Accept or decline formal offers of assistance from other governments
- Procure resources not available in the U.S.
- Receive and distribute donated goods



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Helping Survivors

1. The **MOST EFFECTIVE** way that your country can support the survivors of a catastrophic disaster in the U.S. is via a **CASH DONATION** to a **Non-Governmental Agency**.
2. **Government to Government** offers of material assistance should be communicated through the in-country U.S. Embassy to the Department of State.
3. **Requests for Assistance** will be transmitted by the State Department through your Embassy



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Impacted Foreign Nationals

Foreign Nationals are eligible for some types of disaster assistance from the U.S. Government.

Types of Individual Assistance available through FEMA to Foreign Nationals:

- **Emergency Assistance (Shelter & Food)**
- **Crisis Counseling Programs**
- **Disaster Legal Services**
- **Referrals to Embassies at Disaster Recovery Centers**



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Private voluntary organizations, and faith-based groups are key partners with local, state, tribal and the federal government in providing essential life-sustaining assistance to survivors of disasters.



Communications

PRIOR TO, DURING and AFTER A DISASTER:

Know Your Risk and What To Do

- Contact your local emergency management office to learn about evacuation routes and emergency plans.
- Get additional information from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (fema.gov), Ready Campaign (Ready.gov) Citizen's Corps (citizencorps.gov), the American Red Cross (redcross.org) and NOAA's National Hurricane Center (nhc.noaa.gov).
- Listen to the radio or television and NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards for current information and be prepared to act quickly.

Evacuate if you are directed by local authorities to do so. Be sure to follow their instructions.

BE PREPARED

Languages
Español
Français
Kreyól Ayisyen
Русский
Tagalog
Tiếng Việt
한국어
日本語
中文

The screenshot shows the FEMA Ready website interface. At the top, there's a green header with the 'Ready' logo and the FEMA seal. Below this, a navigation bar includes links for 'CONTACT US', 'MORE LANGUAGES', 'FAQS', and 'FEMA.GOV'. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'BE INFORMED' (What to do before, during, and after an emergency), 'MAKE A PLAN' (Prepare, plan and stay informed for emergencies), 'BUILD A KIT' (Build a kit for disasters to be prepared), 'GET INVOLVED' (Find opportunities to support community preparedness), 'BUSINESS' (Plan for and protect your business), and 'KIDS' (Fun and games for kids). A large central image of Barack Obama is overlaid with a 'VOLUNTEER AND DONATE RESPONSIBLY' banner. Below this banner are three buttons: 'HURRICANES' (Get Hurricane Information), 'FLOODS' (Get Flooding Information), and 'MAKE A PLAN' (Make a family plan so you can communicate if separated). To the right of the Obama image is a 'PREPAREDNESS NOTIFICATIONS' section with 'Flood Safety Tips' and a 'FLOOD SAFETY TIPS' button. Below this is a 'Preparedness Text Messages' section with a 'PLEDGE TO PREPARE' button. At the bottom, there are three more sections: 'SIGN UP' (with a green envelope icon), 'PUBLICATIONS' (with an image of a brochure), and 'CITIZEN CORPS' (with an image of a man speaking at a podium). The footer includes the FEMA logo and the text 'FEMA'.



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www.ready.gov

Social Media Platforms

- Used as a two-way communication tool with the public
 - Amplify state and local messaging
 - Reinforce public relations messaging
 - Answer questions and provide guidance
- FEMA manages accounts with Facebook, Twitter, and You Tube and maintains a Blog, Mobile website, and iPhone/Android App.

Social Media Links

www.fema.gov Spanish: www.fema.gov/esp

www.facebook.com/fema

<http://m.fema.gov> Spanish: <http://m.fema.gov/esp>

www.twitter.com/fema

www.youtube.com/fema

<http://blog.fema.gov>

www.fema.gov/widgets



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